

### REMARKS

Prior to entry of the present Amendment, claims 1-21 were pending in this application. The status of the pending claims is as follows.

- Claims 1-4, 7-9, 12-14, 17, and 19 are allowed.
- Claims 5, 6, 10, 11, 15, 16, 18, 20, and 21 were objected to for certain informalities therein.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's conclusion that claims 1-4, 7-9, 12-14, 17, and 19 contain allowable subject matter and that claims 5, 6, 10, 11, 15, 16, 18, 20, and 21 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections as set forth in the Office action. Applicants hereby amend claims 5, 6, 10, 11, 15, 16, 18, 20, and 21 to more particularly define the subject matter recited therein, taking into account helpful suggestions by the Examiner.

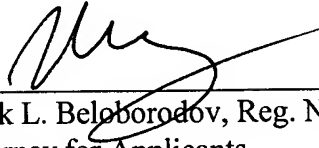
### CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the application proceed to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone at the number listed below to discuss any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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